

## CLAIMS

- 1       1. A communication method in which a caller uses a telephone system and the Internet to  
2       transmit an electronic message to at least one electronic address of an intended recipient,  
3       the method comprising:  
4           (a) said caller dialing a telephone number via the telephone system for connecting  
5           to a central computer;  
6           (b) said central computer comparing an intended recipient identifier with data  
7           corresponding to a plurality of subscribers;  
8           (c) said caller inputting a communication code into the central computer via the  
9           telephone system;  
10          (d) said central computer constructing an electronic message addressed to at least  
11          one electronic address of the intended recipient, said electronic message  
12          containing information corresponding to the communication code; and

13 (e) said central computer transmitting the electronic message over the Internet to  
14 said at least one electronic address of the intended recipient.

1 2. The method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising the step of said caller  
2 inputting said intended recipient identifier into the central computer via the telephone  
3 system.

1 3. The method in accordance with claim 2, wherein the information corresponding to the  
2 communication code further comprises a telephone number of the caller.

1 4. The method in accordance with claim 2, wherein the information corresponding to the  
2 communication code further comprises a plurality of alphanumeric characters.

1 5. The method in accordance with claim 2, wherein the step of inputting said intended  
2 recipient identifier further comprises manually contacting at least one button on a  
3 telephone.

1 6. The method in accordance with claim 2, wherein the step of inputting said intended  
2 recipient identifier further comprises projecting sound waves into a telephone.

1 7. The method in accordance with claim 6, wherein the step of projecting sound waves  
2 further comprises speaking.

1 8. The method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said intended recipient identifier is  
2 transmitted to said central computer when the caller dials said telephone number.

1 9. The method in accordance with claim 8, wherein the information corresponding to the  
2 communication code further comprises a telephone number of the caller.

1 10. The method in accordance with claim 8, wherein the information corresponding to  
2 the communication code further comprises a plurality of alphanumeric characters.

1 11. The method in accordance with claim 8, wherein the step of inputting a  
2 communication code further comprises confirming a possible communication code.

1 12. The method in accordance with claim 11, further comprising the step of the central  
2 computer prompting the caller to contact manually at least one telephone button to  
3 confirm that the possible communication code audibly communicated to the caller is the  
4 communication code.

1       13. The method in accordance with claim 11, further comprising the step of the central  
2       computer prompting the caller to speak to confirm that the possible communication code  
3       audibly communicated to the caller is the communication code.

1       14. The method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the step of inputting a  
2       communication code further comprises manually contacting at least one button on a  
3       telephone.

1       15. The method in accordance with claim 14, further comprising manually contacting a  
2       plurality of buttons in sequence on the telephone after prompting by the central computer.

1       16. The method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the step of inputting a  
2       communication code further comprises projecting sound waves into a telephone.

1       17. The method in accordance with claim 16, wherein the step of projecting sound waves  
2       further comprises speaking.

1       18. The method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the electronic message uses Internet  
2       protocol.

- 1 19. The method in accordance with claim 18, wherein the electronic message is an  
2 instant message.
- 1 20. The method in accordance with claim 18, wherein the electronic message is an email  
2 message.
- 1 21. The method in accordance with claim 20, wherein the electronic address is a  
2 webmail email address.
- 1 22. The method in accordance with claim 20, wherein the electronic address is a PDA  
2 email address.
- 1 23. The method in accordance with claim 20, wherein the electronic address is a personal  
2 computer email address.
- 1 24. The method in accordance with claim 20, wherein the electronic address is a wireless  
2 telephone email address.
- 1 25. The method in accordance with claim 24, further comprising the step of calling back  
2 a telephone number that is contained in the electronic message on the wireless telephone.

1       26. The method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising the step of connecting to  
2       the central computer over the Internet and modifying said at least one electronic address.

1       27. The method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising:  
2           (a) said caller leaving a recorded voice message; and  
3           (b) said central computer sending a computer file containing the recorded voice  
4       message to said at least one electronic address.

1       28. The method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising :  
2           (a) said caller leaving a recorded voice message; and  
3           (b) said central computer sending an electronic message to said at least one  
4       electronic address notifying said intended recipient of said recorded voice  
5       message.

1       29. The method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising said central computer  
2       connecting said caller with said intended recipient over the telephone system.